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Application of: Chen *et al.*

Application No.: 09/204,865

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For: METHODS AND APPARATUS
FOR FLOW-THROUGH
HYBRIDIZATION

Attorney Docket No.: 9584-006-999

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated April 24, 2002 (Paper No. 22) in connection with the above-captioned Application, and pursuant to C.F.R. § 1.111, please consider the following amendments and remarks. Filed herewith are Exhibit A ("Marked up Version of Amended Claims"), Exhibit B ("Pending Claims after Entry of Instant Amendment"), a Petition for Extension of Time extending the period for responding by one month from July 24, 2002 to and including August 26, 2002 (the Monday following Saturday, August 24, 2002).

AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims ~~9, 10, 24, 25, 33, 34, 58, 59, 62, 63, 66~~ and 67 without prejudice.

Please amend Claims ~~2, 8, 11, 13, 14, 21, 26-32, 35, 36, 40, 44, 50~~ and ~~52~~ to read as follows:

✓ 2. (Thrice Amended) The flow-through device of Claim 60 in which said porous substrate is about 1 mm to 20 mm thick.

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